

WASHINGTON -- Senator Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.) said today that several organizations and individuals have asked for time to discuss one or more of the several anti-subversion bills which will be the subject of hearings beginning April 20 before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

Senator Dodd, Vice Chairman of the Subcommittee, who will preside, said time has been assigned to the following: Edward Ennis, General Counsel of the American Civil Liberties Union, April 23; Tom Harris, of the AFL-CIO, April 24; Frank B. Ober, Attorney of Baltimore, April 21; Ross L. Malone, President of the American Bar Association, April 21; John S. Mears, legislative representative, American Legion, April 22; Robert Morris, attorney of Point Pleasant, New Jersey, April 20; Joseph Rauh, Americans for Democratic Action, April 24; Francis W. Stover, Assistant Director National Legislative Service, Veterans of Foreign Wars, April 23; Matt Triggs, American Farm Bureau, April 23; and Louis Wyman, Attorney-General of New Hampshire, April 21.

Senator Dodd explained that, while several bills are to be considered at this hearing, a witness may confine his remarks to any one of the bills listed or may discuss several, if his interest lies in the fields to which they relate.

The Subcommittee, he said, does not desire to limit the testimony except as to its pertinency to the subject matter of the measures assigned to the Subcommittee for this hearing, and its orderly presentation.

The list of witnesses has not been closed and the Subcommittee will make every effort to accommodate any persons or organizations who wish to be heard. It must, however, expedite the hearings so that the bills may be reported back to the Judiciary Committee as soon as possible.

Prepared statements may be submitted at any time before the hearings are closed but the Senate rules require that a witness who desires to testify from a prepared statement must submit that statement 24 hours in advance of his appearance.

Senator Dodd referred to the twelve or more bills which will be considered as "some of the most important legislative proposals" to be considered by the 86th Congress.

"I wish to point out," he said, "that, if the Congress desires, as it has so often indicated during the past two decades, to protect the government of this nation, and indeed, the people of the United States against the obvious efforts of

the Communist conspiracy to destroy the one and enslave the other, as it has in the case of other nations and peoples, then it is necessary to make sure that the necessary legislation be adequate and effective. This I understand to be the purpose of the bills to be considered, and it certainly will be the purpose of the Committee in conducting these hearings.

"Preparation of legislation of this type and of this importance to the whole nation is not, in my view, the responsibility of one Congressman or of one subcommittee or of one committee but should be the result of consultation between all members of the Congress, with the best advice that can be enlisted from students of the problems at issue."

This hearing will consider all anti-subversion legislation assigned to the Subcommittee. The bills so assigned at this time are:

S. 3, by Senator John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) and others, to establish rules of interpretation governing the effect of Acts of Congress on State laws.

S. 294, by Senator Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) and others, to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize the enforcement of State statutes prescribing criminal penalties for subversive activities.

S. 527, by Senator Kenneth B. Keating (R-N.Y.) and others, to amend Sec. 2385 of title 18 of the United States Code to define the term "organize" as used in that section.

S. 1646, by Senator James O. Eastland (D-Miss.) relating to espionage and censorship.

Also the several bills introduced by Senator Eastland to carry into effect recommendations of the American Bar Association for strengthening anti-subversive legislation:

S. 1299, to protect the effectiveness of State anti-subversive laws against unintended Federal preemption.

S. 1300, to define the term "organize" as used in the Smith Act.

S. 1301, to make full disclosure respecting loyalty to the United States a condition of government employment.

S. 1302, to amend Sections 241 and 242 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide protection against the subversive activities of certain aliens.

S. 1303, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to travel in time of war or national emergency and passport procedures.

S. 1304, to broaden the application of the Summary Suspension Act of 1950; and

S. 1305, to amend Section 2385 of title 18 of the United States Code to make it a crime intentionally to advocate the violent overthrow of the Government of the United States or to teach the necessity, desirability or duty of seeking to bring about such overthrow;

And the following bills which have passed the House:

H. R. 1992, to repeal Section 791 of title 18, United States Code, so as to extend the application of Chapter 37, title 18, relating to espionage and censorship.

H. R. 2369, to define "organize" as used in the Smith Act.

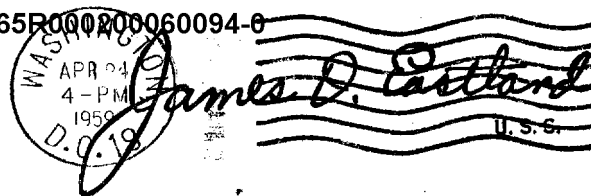
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